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SUBJ: YAKUTSK NATURAL GAS

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1. TOKYO GAS HAS PROVIDED EMB WITH MINUTES OF JUNE 1 2 MEETING BETWEEN SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER OSIPOV AND HIROSHI ANZAI, CHAIRMAN OF NATURAL GAS SUBCOMMITTEE OF JAPAN- USSR ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMITTEE. IN MINUTES, OSIPOV STATES THAT " THE WHOLE (YAKUTSK PROJECT) ISSUE WAS INITIATED BY THE JAPANESE, AND WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN UPHOLDING THE PRIORITY FOR THE JAPANESE." OSIPOV CONTINUES THAT SOVIETS HAVE SIGNED PROTOCOL WITH EL PASO AND OCCIDENTAL. HOW- EVER, OSIPOV SAYS, " IF OTHER COMPANIES THAN EL PASO AND OCCIDENTAL APPEAR ON THE SCENE WHO COULD OFFER MORE ADVANTAGEOUS PROSPECTS FOR US, THEN IT IS PROBABLE THAT WE WILL SELECT SUCH COMPANIES." OSIPOV REITERATES JAPANESE RIGHT TO APPROVE CHOICE OF U. S. FIRM WHEN FINAL SELECTION MADE, AND ADDS " AT THE MOMENT, IT WOULD NOT IMPEDE... SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN USSR/ JAPAN AND USSR/ USA FOR US NOT TO HAVE FINALLY NAMED THE AMERICAN

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PARTNERS."

2. FULL TEXT OF MINUTES, WHICH HIGHLIGHTS MANY OF THE
MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH
YAKUTSK PROJECT, POUCHED TO DEPT AND MOSCOW AS TOKYO
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